



DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE
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MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Held At DMMC And Via Zoom

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Director May called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

A. Attendance

Members Present

May, Steven – Director	Village of Westmont
Liu, Kai	Village of Addison
Talarico, Nick	Village of Bartlett
Maczko, Jeff	Village of Bensenville
Marquez, Sean	Village of Bloomingdale
Sisco, Brian	Village of Bloomingdale
Preissig, David	Village of Burr Ridge
Cleveland, Bill	Village of Carol Stream
McLaughlin, Brendan	Village of Clarendon Hills
Vasko, Scott	Village of Downers Grove
Johnson, Kent	City of Elmhurst
Daubert, Rich	Village of Glen Ellyn
Kaplan, Rachel	Village of Glendale Heights
Stelle, Jonathan	Village of Hanover Park
Lew, Matthew	Village of Hinsdale
Beissel, John	Village of Itasca
Hall, Adam	Village of Lisle
Goldsmith, Carl	Village of Lombard
Barbier, Mike	Village of Lombard
Hynes, Andy	City of Naperville

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Mehl, Kristin	Village of Roselle
Guerra, Michael	Village of Villa Park
Kuchler, Phil	City of Warrenville
Shah, Dave	City of West Chicago
Lagvankar, Sarang	City of Wheaton
Lange, Alan	City of Wood Dale

Guests

Cwynar, Joseph	EEI
Dobbs, Kama	CMAP
Gill, Tom	Thomas Engineering
Kalitowski, Kristen	Civil Tech
Liu, Yifang	DuPage County
Sauter, Brett	Ciorba
Sikich, Andy	WBK Engineering
Skoufis, Demitri	Metra
Standish, Anthony	Strand
Stefan, Al	Bowman
Zentner, Brandt	ESI Consultants

DMMC Staff

Blair, Kimberly	DMMC Staff
Pasquini, Matthew	DMMC Staff

Members Not Present

Grabowski, Jim – Dep. Director	City of Elmhurst
Gombac, Dan	City of Darien
O’Malley, Tim	Village of Oak Brook
Valent, Rick	Village of Willowbrook
Watson, Dan	Village of Winfield
Bethel, Chris	Village of Woodridge

B. Approval of January 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Goldsmith, second by McLaughlin to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

II. DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

III. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. Draft FFY 2025-29 DuPage Council STP Program

Pasquini noted that the packet includes the draft FFY 2025-2029 DuPage Council STP Active and Contingency Programs. The active program contains \$36,068,576 in new projects. He provided a detailed overview of how the programs were developed: The active program was built on the fact that CMAP has a large unobligated balance of STP redistribution funding in the current year, 2024, and will likely have a large balance next year in 2025. This provided the Committee with the flexibility to increase the number of new projects in the DuPage program in 2028 and 2029.

Pasquini shared that his concern at the start of the program development process was that the Committee approved obligation extensions for three projects last year in FFY 2023, all of which have indicated that they will not meet their upcoming obligation extension deadlines of March 31. These projects are the DuPage County Lemont Road project, the Elmhurst Metra Station Project, and the Forest Preserve District West Branch DRT project all of which account for about \$8.9M in STP funding. He noted that while these projects have indicated they are experiencing delays, they are still targeting lettings either later this year or next year in 2025.

Since these projects would not be meeting their obligation extension deadlines, Pasquini shared his assumption that the Council would lose the \$8.9M extended from 2023 to 2024. He shared that his initial approach was to move them into FFY 2028 and rely on active program management to move them up when they are ready, but his concern with this approach was that it would have reduced the number of new projects included in the 2025-2029 program as new projects were programmed in 2028 and 2029. He reached out to CMAP staff to explore options and figure out a way to fund as many new projects while maintaining a sound program.

Based on his conversations with CMAP staff, it was concluded that last year's changes to active program management (APM) and CMAP's large unobligated balance of STP redistribution funding afforded the Committee flexibility in the near term to plan for the use of STP redistribution funds.

Regarding last year's changes to APM – CMAP staff confirmed that while the Committee approved obligation extensions in 2023 for the three projects totaling \$8.9M, the funding that was carried over does not necessarily need to be obligated by the projects that requested the extensions. As such, the Committee is on track to obligate the \$8.9M extended from 2023 before the upcoming March 31 deadline meaning the three projects that requested the extensions can stay put in 2024.

Regarding CMAP's large unobligated balance of STP redistribution funding – CMAP confirmed that this funding is available for use by the Council after all the funding allotted in our annual mark has been obligated. This means that even though the DuPage Council is allotted a certain amount of funding each fiscal year, the Council has an opportunity to plan for the use of redistribution and utilize STP redistribution funds to accommodate cost increases, move out year or contingency projects into the current year, and rollover projects on a limited basis. Because the unobligated balance

of redistribution funds is so large, the region is afforded a considerable amount of programming flexibility. It was stressed that this flexibility cannot be counted on in perpetuity and is likely short-term.

Pasquini asked Dobbs, from CMAP staff, to confirm his assessment. Dobbs confirmed his assessment and approach to developing the FFY 2025-29 program was correct and shared that the region has an unobligated balance of \$182M, which is funding the DuPage Council has access to. She projected that at least \$99M will roll over into FFY 2025 and stressed the importance of project sponsors continuing to move their projects forward, regardless of the year they are programmed or included in the contingency program. Funding will be prioritized for projects that are ready to go to a letting over projects that are delayed.

Pasquini concluded and explained that staff is requesting Committee approval to open public comment from February 23 to March 18 for the draft program as presented.

Motion by Daubert, second by Kuchler to approve the draft FFY 2025-29 DuPage STP Active and Contingency Program for public comment. The motion carried.

B. FFY 2024-28 STP-L Program

May shared that the most up-to-date DuPage Council program spreadsheet is included in the packet as an attachment and reflects the cost increase request approved at the January 25, 2024 meeting for Bloomingdale's Edgewater Drive Resurfacing project.

IV. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNER UPDATES

A. DuPage County

None.

B. IDOT

None.

C. Illinois Tollway

None.

D. Metra

Skoufis shared that the UP-West line is experiencing days where ridership is approaching 80% of pre-pandemic levels. He shared that the installation of ticket vending machines at Metra stations is underway and that Metra will be reaching out to city and village staff before the vending machines are installed. He shared that the Merta Board of Directors will be considering approval of the purchase of electric train sets at their upcoming meeting.

E. Pace

None.

F. RTA

Included in the packet.

G. CMAP

Dobbs referred to the handout included in the packet. She reminded the Committee of recently distributed IDOT circular letters related to Phase I form updates and QBS threshold updates. Finally, she mentioned that the joint CMAP/RTA Local Technical Assistance Call for Projects will open on February 26 and close on March 22.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. CMAP Meetings Summary Memo

Informational in packet.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be March 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by May to adjourn the meeting. Second by Johnson. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Pasquini
Transportation Project Manager